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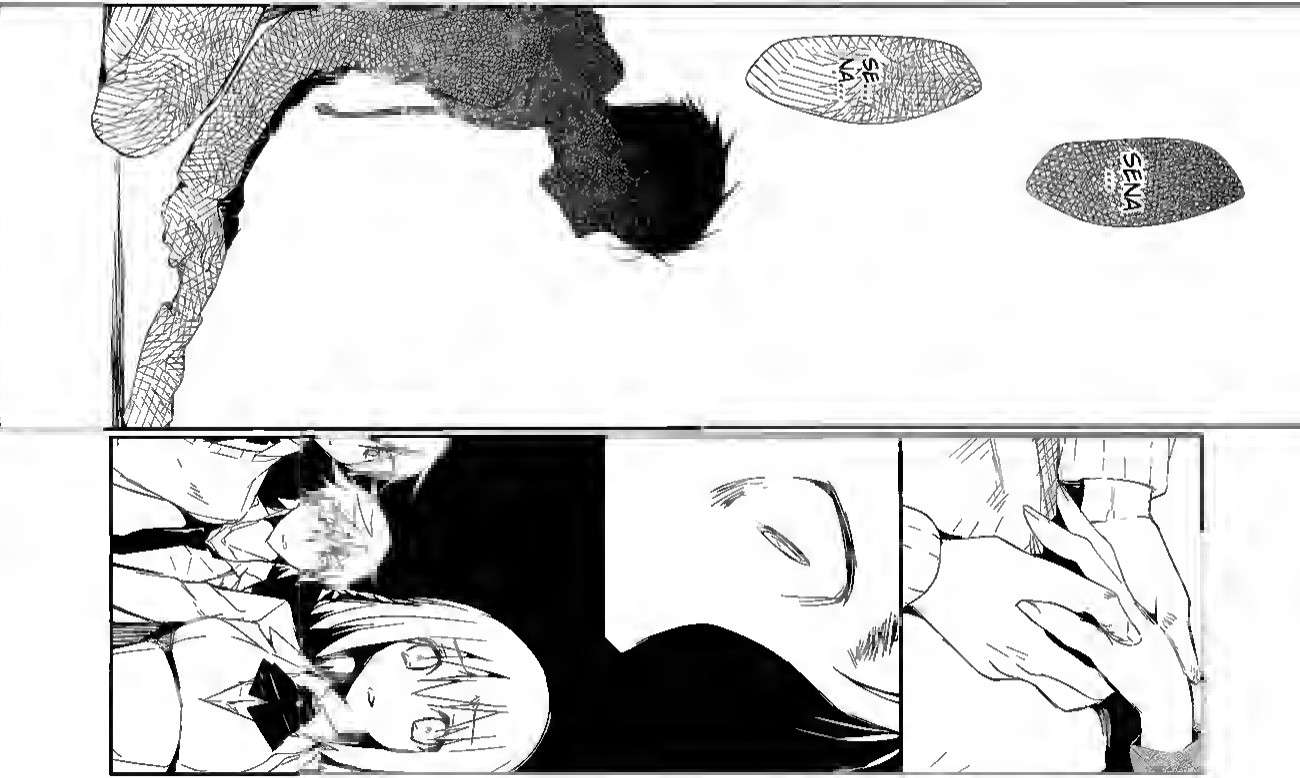

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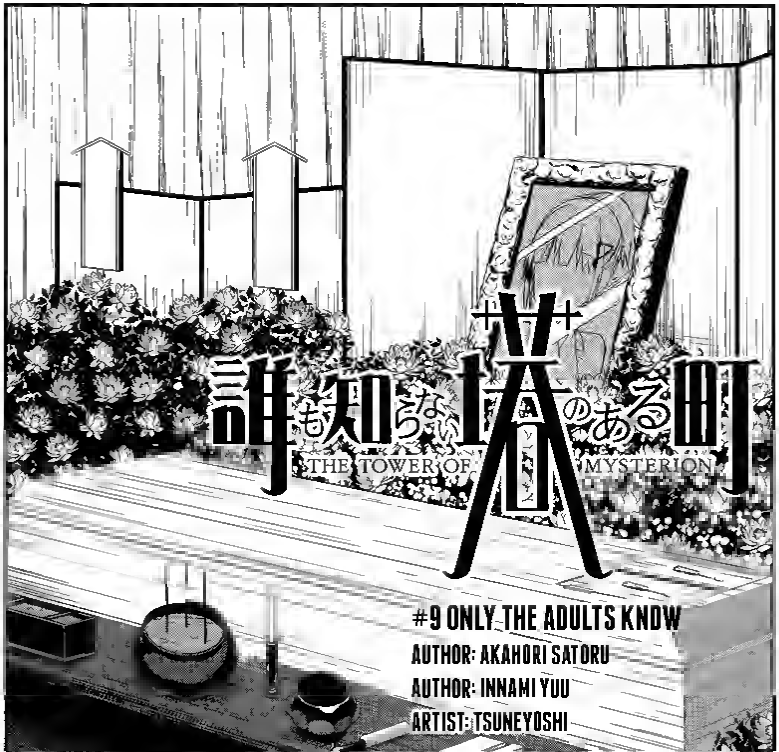
SENA ULTIMATELY BECAME A SACRIFICE. OUR IRREPLACEABLE EVERYDAY LIVES CONTINUE TO WITHER AWAY...
NEVER TO RETURN.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THE TOWER OF MYSTERION
#9 ONLY THE ADULTS KNOW
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HEY YUUHE-
SENA... MY SE-NA...
WH... WHY...?
YUU-HEI...

SO MY FAMILY DECIDED TO MOVE..
I'LL BE AT THE FUNERAL SO MANY STU-DENTS ARE STAYING HOME NOW...
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO GO OUTSIDE I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE SCHOOL
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE I WON'T BE COMING TO SCHOOL FOR A WHILE
YOSHIDA FROM CLASS D GOT HIT PRETTY HARD... HE'S SEEING A PSYCHIATRIST NOW

B... BUT!
HURRY!
HUH? MOM?
WE'RE GOING HOME.
DAMN IT!!
WHY... WHY'D SENA HAVE TO DIE?!
EVERYONE SHE KNOWS... AND YUUHEI... THEY'RE ALL TRAIN WRECKS NOW!! FUCK!!

SHH! NOT HERE, NOT NOW!
HEY... ISN'T THIS AN-OTHER-
COULD IT BE THIS TOWN ?
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS US
BUT THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN BE DONE.
"GOVERN-MENT"?
SINCE THE GOVERNMENT'S PROBABLY
EX-CUSE-
OH!

YEAH, THAT'S ME...
SHOU, RIGHT? YOUR DAD WORKS FOR THE NEWS.
YOU...
WHAT?
SHH! LET'S GO SOME-WHERE ELSE.
HUH?
I'M SO JEALOUS...
GIRLS LIKE HER SHOULD BE OKAY
SOME-THING WE DON'T?!
DO... THE ADULTS KNOW SOME-THING?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

IS MY DAD... HIDING SOME-THING TOO?
I DON'T KNOW ANY MORE... WHAT CAN I TRUST AT THIS POINT?
WATCH OUT!!!

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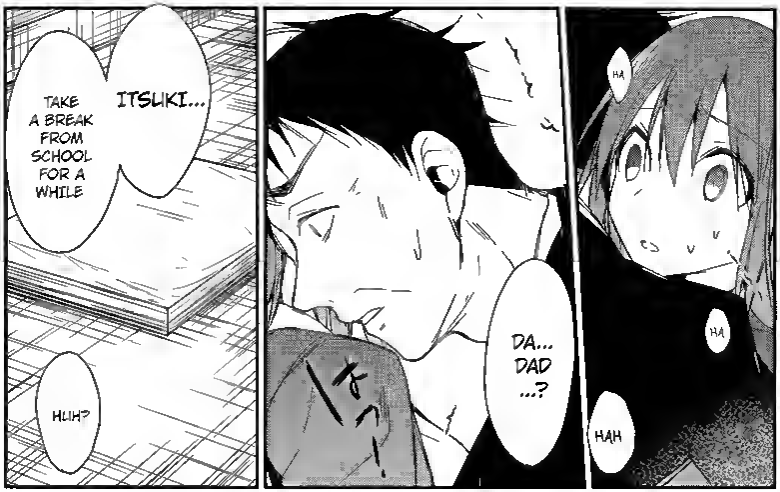
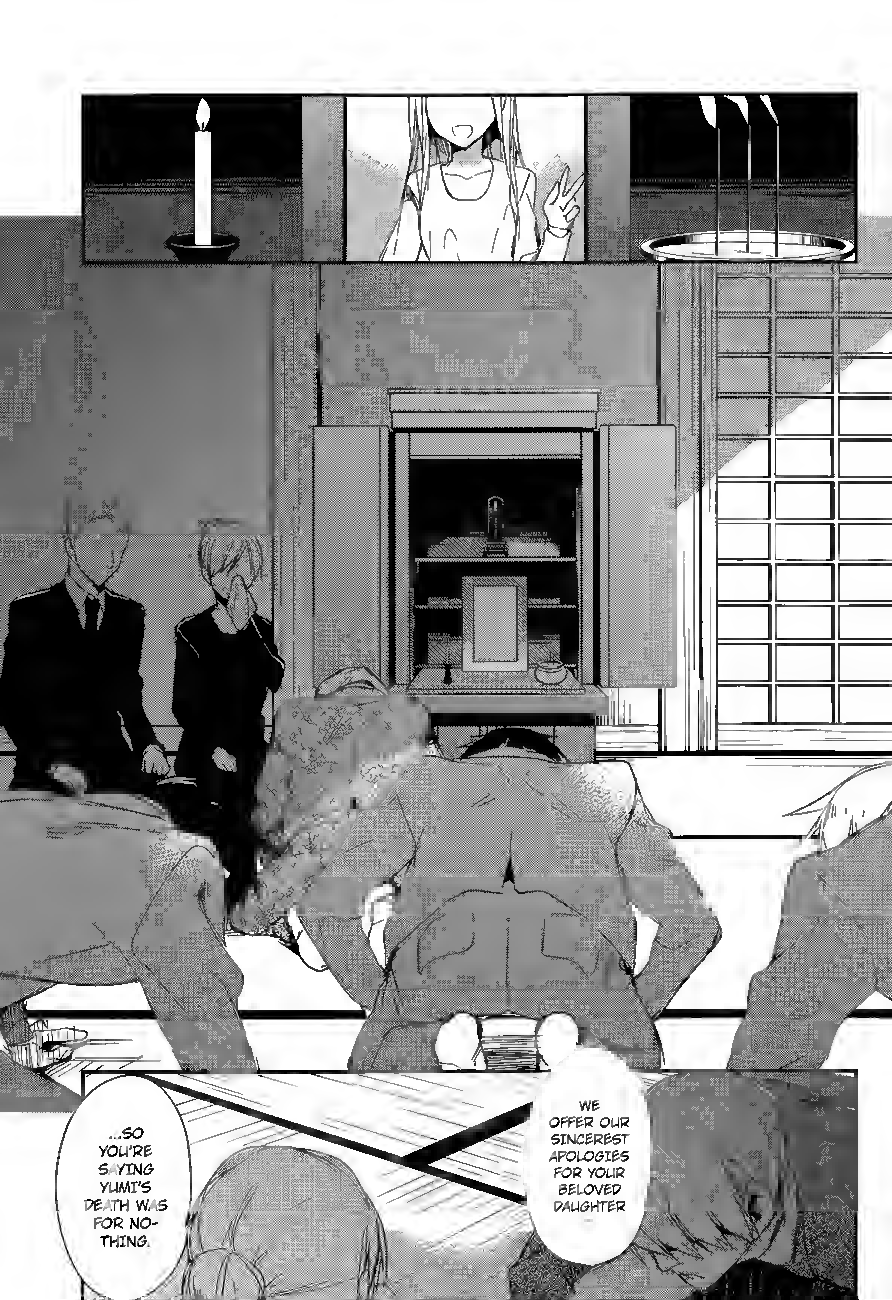

ITSUKI...
TAKE A BREAK FROM SCHOOL FOR A WHILE
HUH?
DA... DAD ...?
HA
HA
HAH

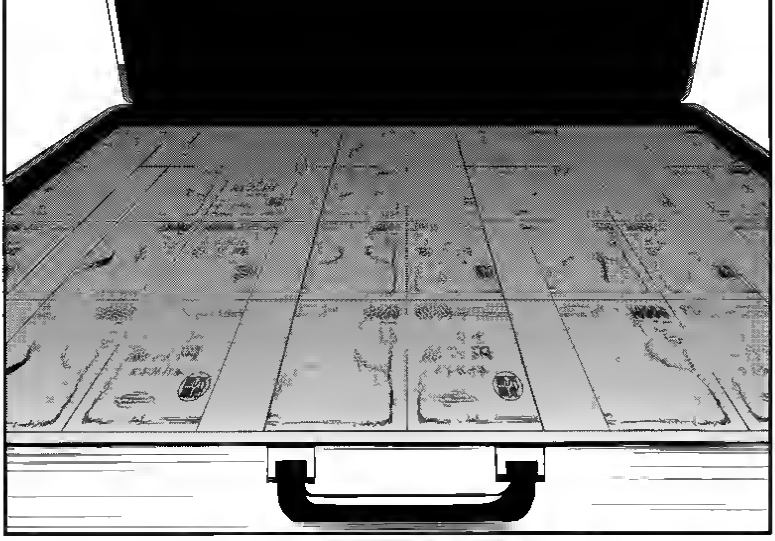
PLEASE, JUST LISTEN TO ME!!
WHY? I DON'T WANT TO SEEM LIKE I'M RUNNING AWAY.

...ARE MORE PEOPLE GOING TO DIE? DAD...
I CAN'T DO THAT WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHY
DAD, YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME, AREN'T YOU?
AM I... NEXT?

I'M SCARED!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US?! ARE WE ALL GOING TO DIE?!
ANSWER ME.
PLEASE, DAD...
WAAAAAAAAH!!
ITSUKI...


WE OFFER OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR YOUR BELOVED DAUGHTER
...SO YOU'RE SAYING YUMI'S DEATH WAS FOR NOTHING.

THIS WAS A COMPLETE ACCIDENT.
BY A STROKE OF GREAT MISFORTUNE, YUMI WAS CAUGHT IN OUR APPARATUS.
NO.
ON THE CONTRARY, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT YUMI'S DEATH WAS A NOBLE SACRIFICE THAT HAS PROTECTED US ALL!
SHE IS THE NATION'S SAVIOR! AND ONE TO BE PROUD OF.
I WAS PREPARED FOR THIS DAY EVER SINCE SHE WAS BORN.
BUT I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THIS! AN ACCIDENT!
HER DEATH HAD NO MEANING AT ALL!
HOWEVER, YOUR GRIEF FOR YUMI MUST SURELY REMAIN
THOUGH THIS MAY NOT PROVIDE ANY COMFORT, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU



IF...

IF ITSUKI WAS ON THE "LIST"...

DAD!!
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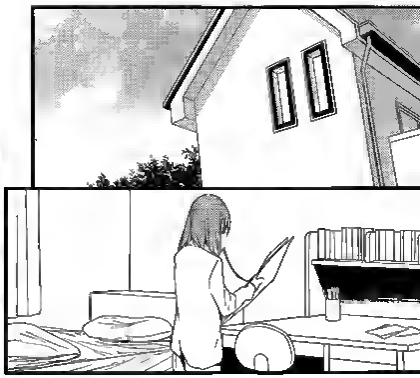
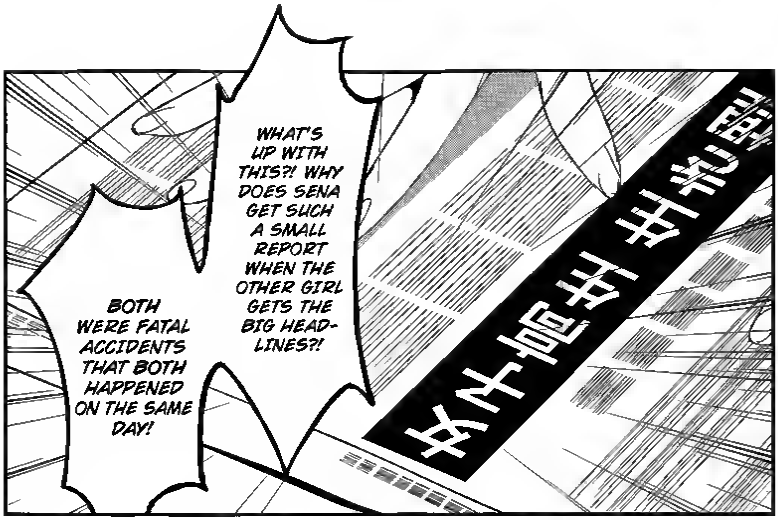
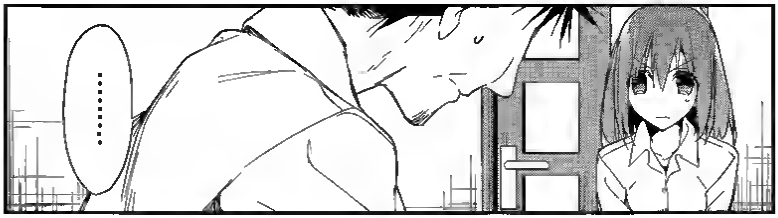



WHAT'S UP WITH THIS?! WHY DOES SENA GET SUCH A SMALL REPORT WHEN THE OTHER GIRL GETS THE BIG HEADLINES?!
BOTH WERE FATAL ACCIDENTS THAT BOTH HAPPENED ON THE SAME DAY!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IF YOU OR THE OTHER ADULTS WON'T TELL ME, I'M GOING TO ASK THE WHOLE WORLD USING THE INTERNET OR VIDEO STREAMING
I'LL DEMAND TO BE TOLD THE TRUTH.
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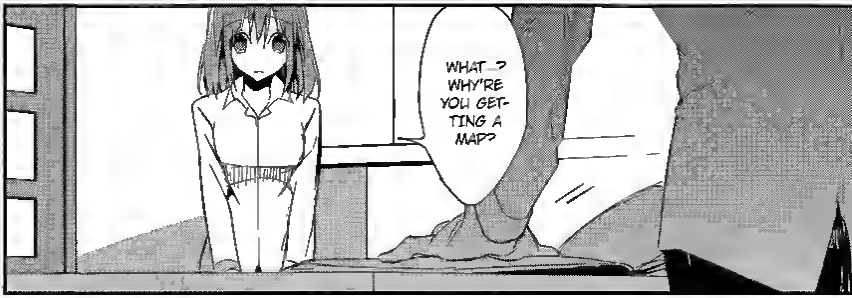

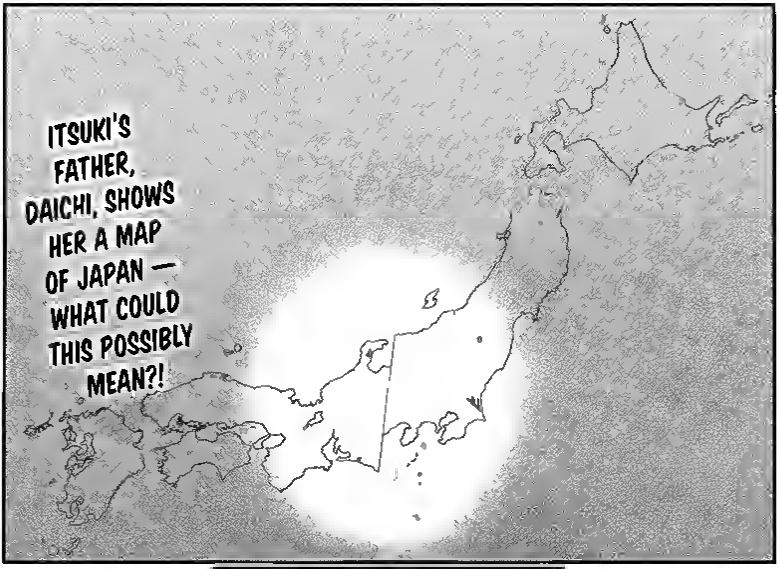

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